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BASKETFUL OF HEADS

The Haunting of Hill House

If you want to launch a line of horror comics, you can't ask for a more qualified curator of the imprint than *Joe Hill*. The award-winning author of ***NOS4A2, 20th Century Ghosts,*** and ***Locke & Key*** (to name just a few) established himself as a major name in horror—and he did so on his own merits, refusing to take advantage of his father's name (something that would have been quite easy to do, considering that his father is horror legend *Stephen King).*

This October, Hill joins DC to curate its new pop-up horror line, Hill House Comics. Hill House will launch with five horror limited series—and its first book, ***Basketful of Heads,*** is written by Hill as well.

"Anyone who's paying attention knows we're in the middle of a new golden age of horror: Films like ***Get Out, Hereditary, It Follows,*** and plain old ***It*** have raised the bar higher and higher," Hill said. "Meanwhile, ongoing shows like AMC's ***The Terror*** and Netflix's ***Stranger Things*** have shattered preconceived notions about what's possible in episodic terror TV. There's great stuff happening in comics, of course—in a field of unbounded creativity and wacko visionaries, there's always great stuff happening—but greedy me wants more.

"At Hill House Comics, we aim to shock the senses and soak the page in red, with new, hooky horror from seasoned old hands and young masters of the field, all set free to share their most disturbing nightmares... for your pleasure! The books are backed by DC's second-to-none comic book craftsmanship, and we're working with the very best editors on parole from Arkham Asylum to craft unputdownable tales of menace and madness. I can't wait to share some fresh scares with comic book readers everywhere. It's going to be fun."

The kickoff book in the line, ***Basketful of Heads*** (by *Joe Hill* and artist *Leomacs)* tells the story of a young woman trapped with four cunning criminals who have snatched her boyfriend for malevolent reasons of their own. Now she must fight for her life with the help of an eighth-century Viking axe that can pass through a man's neck in a single swipe—and leave the severed head still conscious and capable of supernatural speech.

"I wanted our first title to be insane, WTF, relentless reading," Hill told ***DC Previews,*** "to script something that would blast along like an 18-wheeler going downhill with no brakes. These days, there's so much entertainment out there; there's so much distraction—if you want to cut through the noise, you've got to come out with guns blazing. You have to do your best to deliver something that'll keep the reader flying through the pages.

"I've had the idea for ***Basketful of Heads*** kicking around in the back of my mind for almost a decade. I even took a pass at the first script in 2011 or thereabouts, but it needed more time to brew. My subconscious stayed busy with it, apparently—the first four issues practically wrote themselves."

The key to ***Basketful of Heads*** is the protagonist, June Branch. "If writing ***Basketful of Heads*** has been a lot of fun, it's probably because I so like spending time with June," Hill said. "She's bright and sunny and open—someone we can love, someone we can root for—who also happens to be as flexible and sharp as a fencing blade. Her beloved, Liam Ellsworth, is snatched away by a gang of desperate men, for reasons she doesn't understand. She finds herself pursuing them with an eerie, occult axe and her own unique understanding of human nature. I won't say which I think is the more valuable asset."

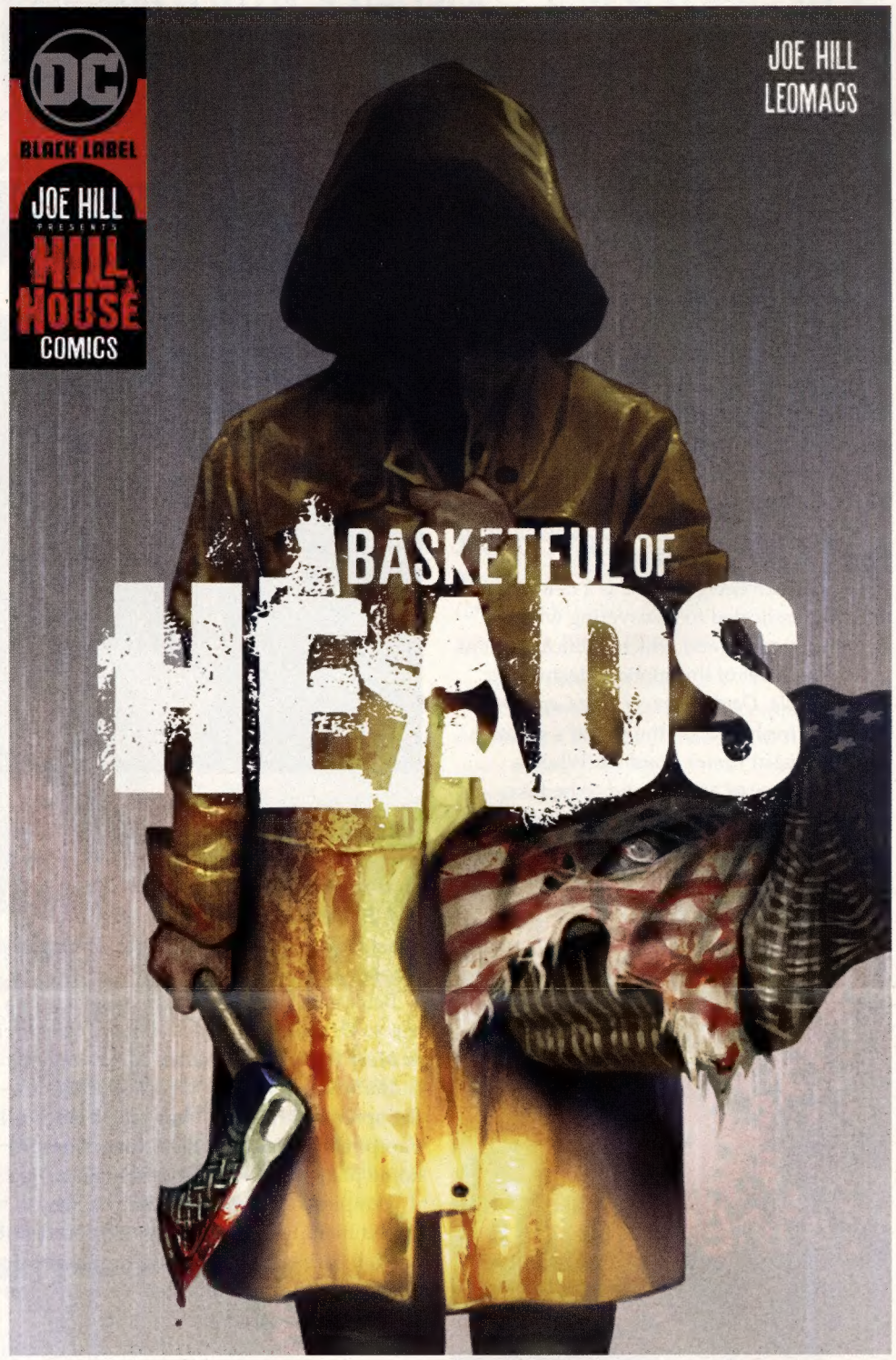
Hill House will roll out four more series in the next few months, including:

- ***The Dollhouse Family,*** by *Mike Carey & Peter Gross*
- ***The Low, Low Woods*** by *Carmen Maria Machado & Dani*
- ***Daphne Byrne*** by *Laura Marks & Kelly Jones*
- ***Plunge,*** written by *Joe Hill.*

Connecting all five of the series will be the serialized backup story, "Sea Dogs," a *Joe Hill*–written tale of werewolves terrorizing a Revolutionary war–era crew of sailors at sea; each issue of every Hill House title will include a "Sea Dogs" chapter.

"Bringing horror to the forefront of our publishing plan has been a huge initiative for DC and a passion project of mine, but it was always about finding the right time and voice to mastermind it—and there is no one better than Joe Hill," DC Executive Editor *Mark Doyle* said. "Joe is a modern master; his ability to blend visceral, high-concept horror with heartfelt characters is what has grabbed the attention (and throats!) of millions of readers. His vision and taste are unparalleled; you can see it in the incredible talent he's assembled here, and the stories they're crafting are bringing the next generation of horror to DC."

"*Joe Hill's* vision for this new line is incredibly exciting," DC Editor-in-chief *Bob Harras* said. "Bringing in new and well-known creative voices with different backgrounds to tell their thrilling and terrifying tales, mixed with the energy around the horror genre at large—it all makes it a great time to be a fan of DC."



"Horror has been such an integral part of DC's history, and it's a tradition we want to see revitalized," DC Publisher *Dan DiDio* added. "As a lifetime fan of horror, I know fans are going to be so excited when these books hit shelves. I can't wait."

Basketful of Heads #1 is scheduled (appropriately enough) for October 30th release—just in time for Halloween!

by Cliff Biggers

Courtesy of your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

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Coming Comics— Dynamite In December

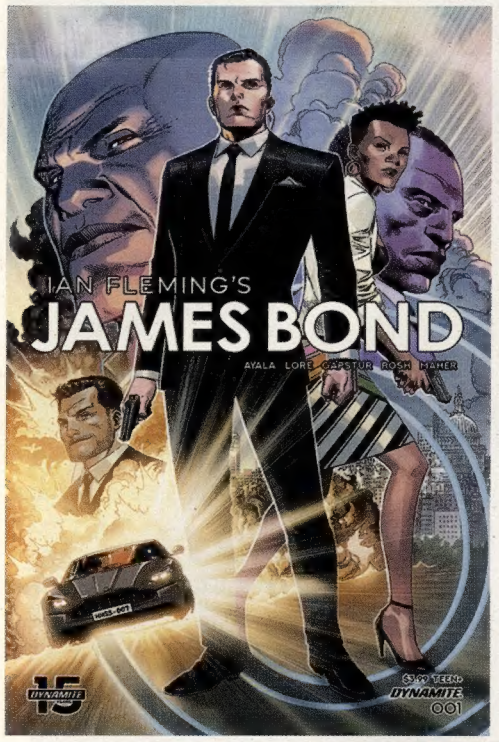
Imagine being born with the memories of a life you haven't lived yet, a life of crime fighting and adventuring, only to find out that no one believes you. This is the situation the Black Terror's sidekick Tim finds himself facing in ***Black Terror #3*** (by *Max Bemis & Ruairi Coleman).*

Chastity may be trapped with no hope of rescue... but her captors are trapped with her in ***Chastity #4*** (by *Leah Williams & Daniel Maine).* And they're about to find out why half a vampire is far, far more terrifying than any threat they could pose.

Will the 'Devil have to make the ultimate sacrifice to save Winslow House residents who took him in when he needed help the most? Find out in ***The Death-Defying 'Devil #5*** (by *Gail Simone & Walter Geovani).*

Dejah has been many things: wife, mother, royalty. But in ***Dejah Thoris #1*** (by *Dan Abnett & Basco Georgiev),* she is a determined scientist, dedicated to discovering why her world is freezing, and which political factions know the secret of this global catastrophe.

Vita Ayala, Danny Lore, & Eric Gapstur present a fresh take on the world's greatest secret agent in ***James Bond #1.*** When a priceless piece of art is found to be fake, investigations lead down a rabbit hole of international crime and corruption. But what the hell does James Bond know about the world of art forgery?



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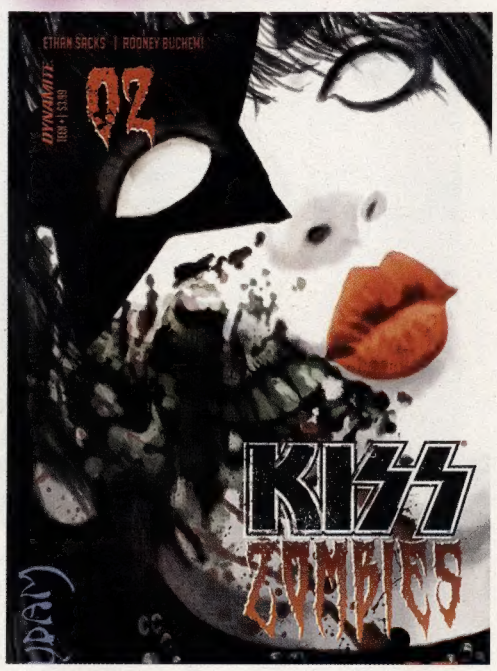


KISS and the teenage runaways battle their way out of New York to continue their quest to save humanity from the zombie horde in ***KISS: Zombies #2*** (by *Ethan Sacks & Rodney Buchemi),* fighting off their undead attackers with a little bit of rock'n'roll and a whole lotta style!

Betty and Veronica find themselves on a trip to Drakulon in ***Red Sonja and Vampirella Meet Betty and Veronica #7*** (by *Amy Chu & Maria Sanapo).* Fresh off solving the murder spree in Riverdale, they take a ride with Vampirella and Red Sonja back to Vampi's home planet. But is it a one-way ticket?

Vampirella's love life becomes a major impediment to her mission as obsessed suitors both past and present attempt to manipulate her into furthering their goals in ***Vampirella #6*** (by *Christopher Priest & Ergun Gunduz).* Meanwhile, the Blood Red Queen of Hearts teaches the newly resurrected Mistress Nyx a painful lesson.

Discover how Sonja the Red, a young adventurer in search of a family, came upon a haggard witch who would show Sonja times and places beyond her own in ***Vampirella/Red Sonja #4*** (by *Jordie Bellaire & Drew Moss).*

Dynamite continues its high-quality replica edition program with the ***Vampirella #2 Replica Edition,*** which is an exact reproduction (except for the price, of course!) of the classic 1969 magazine featuring material by *Forrest J. Ackerman, Don Glut, Nicola Cuti, Mike Royer, Ernie Colon, Billy Graham,* and others.

Hemorrhage prepares to strike and is reunited with Mistress Nyx, while Pendragon attempts to restore Vampirella to her former self in ***Vengeance of Vampirella #3*** (by *Tom Sniegoski & Michael Sta Maria).* But, will the Daughter of Drakulon be strong enough—or willful enough—to face this new combined threat and restore order to a world gone dead?

Based on *Artgerm's* haunting cover to ***Vampirella #2,*** the 7.5" tall ***Artgerm Vampirella "Underworld" Variant Collectible Bust*** is Dynamite's most unusual rendering of Vampi to date, provided by veteran sculptor, *Steve Kiwus.* This very limited edition bust is meticulously hand-painted right down to the bloody "outfit" and sits upon a chilling and detailed bed of three-dimensional skulls all the way around.

Want upscale art that goes beyond a mass-produced poster? The ***Lucio Parillo Vampirella 50th Anniversary Lithograph #3*** and the ***Stanley "Artgerm" Lau Vampirella 50th Anniversary Lithograph (Vampirella #6 Cover)*** are both printed on 100lb Gallery Silk Stock, a material that's durable while rendering rich and vibrant colors, making this suitable for framing and display.

The 1/6-scale ***Women of Dynamite Sheena: Queen of the Jungle Statue "Arctic" Variant Edition,*** limited to 399 copies, features a snow leopard outfit and snow detailing.

Dynamite collected editions include:

- ***The Boys Omnibus Volume 6 TP,*** collecting the final issues of *Garth Ennis's* ***The Boys,*** with either an art or a photo cover (your choice!).
- ***Dejah Thoris Volume 2: Dejah Rising! TP,*** collecting ***Dejah Thoris #s 6–10.***
- ***Obey Me TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series.
- ***Project Superpowers Omnibus Volume 3: Heroes and Villains TP,*** collecting ***The Death-Defying 'Devil (2008) #s 1–4, FCBD 2008, The Owl #s 1–4, Masquerade #s 1–4, Project Superpowers: Meet the Bad Guys #s 1–4,*** and ***Project Superpowers X-Mas Carol.***
- ***Turok: Valley of the Lost TP,*** collecting the five-issue limited series.
- ***Xena: Warrior Princess—Road Warrior TP,*** collecting the six-issue miniseries.

Coming Comics— AfterShock In December

In the land of the kings of Texas, the only thing worth more than oil... is blood. And there's plenty of the latter in ***Animosity #26*** (by *Marguerite Bennett, Elton Thomasi, & Rafael De Latorre).*

The last dance finally arrives in *Juan Doe's* ***Bad Reception #5***—but will it be for Hashtag or for those who have survived this far?

Khalee struggles to control the monsters that have come to the new world in ***Dark Ark: After the Flood #3*** (by *Cullen Bunn & Juan Doe),* while she also struggles to fulfill the wishes of her demonic masters and to keep her family together.

Rural vampire Chip may have just caused a massive urban vampire war in the streets of Chicago. And he seems kinda happy about it in ***Dark Red #9*** (by *Tim Seeley & Corin Howell).*

AfterShock collected editions include:

- ***Dark Ark Arc One HC,*** collecting ***Dark Ark #s 1–15.***
- ***Mary Shelley, Monster Hunter Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Mary Shelley, Monster Hunter #s 1–5.***

CSN TOP COMICS: OCTOBER

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: AVENGERS #1 AC

Leah Williams (W); Salvador Larroca (A)

(Marvel JUL190898 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Years ago, Cletus Kasady used the Carnage symbiote to take over a small town called Doverton, Colorado, as well as the team of Avengers who arrived to stop him! Barely able to free themselves from his control during their first meeting, this small band of heroes will have no choice but to assemble once more after they discover that Doverton's entire population has recently fallen victim to Carnage's more lethal designs...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The Avengers' Fantastic Four—Captain America, Hawkeye, Wolverine, and the Thing—reunite to take on Carnage. Heck, we don't care *who* they're taking on—it's just great to see this team back together again!

AMAZING MARY JANE #1

Leah Williams (W); Carlos Gomez (A)

(Marvel AUG190933 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Mysterio is behind Mary Jane's big shot—and someone worse is behind him! What's real and what's illusion, what's illusion and what's Hollywood phoniness?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

You loved seeing Mary Jane play the hero in ***Amazing Spider-Man #25***, so now you can watch her in action every month in her very own series!

BASKETFUL OF HEADS #1 (OF 6)

Joe Hill (W); Leomacs (A)

(DC AUG190432 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

A young woman trapped with four cunning criminals must fight for her life with the help of an impossible eighth-century Viking axe that can pass through a man's neck in a single swipe—and leave the severed head still conscious and capable of supernatural speech. Each disembodied head has a malevolent story of its own to tell...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Joe Hill launches his Hill House pop-up line with this intense horror series—and each book in the Hill House line will contain a chapter of a new *Joe Hill* prose tale.

BATMAN'S GRAVE #1 (OF 12)

Warren Ellis (W); Bryan Hitch & Kevin Nowlan (A)

(DC AUG190434 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The World's Greatest Detective must try to inhabit the mind of a murder victim to solve a case—without filling the empty grave next to those of his parents. Can Batman imagine the life of a corpse with a half-eaten face without dying himself? *Warren Ellis & Bryan Hitch*, one of the most legendary creative partnerships of the modern age, reunite in this maxiseries about life, death, and the questions most are too afraid to ask.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Warren Ellis & Bryan Hitch, the dynamic duo who gave us ***Authority***, reunite for a dark, twisted Batman series? Sign us up!

BLACK ADAM: YEAR OF THE VILLAIN #1

Paul Jenkins (W); Inaki Miranda (A)

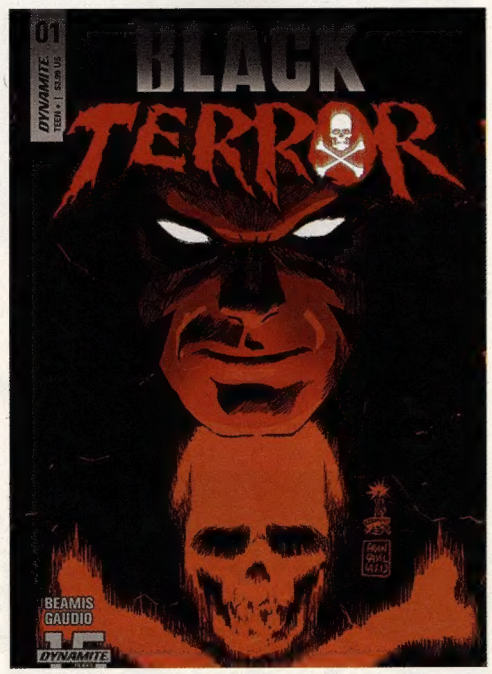
(DC AUG190441 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Shazam!—infected by the Batman Who Laughs—invades Black Adam's kingdom! His plan? To turn it into a playground for its new ruler: Billy Batson!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Shazam! may be running a bit behind schedule, but here's a villainous vehicle to get your Shazam fix while you're waiting for the next issue.



BLACK TERROR #1

Max Bemis (W); Matt Gaudio (A)

(Dynamite AUG191198 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Bob Benton has settled into his "boring" life as a pharmacist. But creeping below the surface are his memories of life as a hero. Struggling against his urges to fight crime, he is suddenly sent down a path he thought he had left behind...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The most popular hero in the Superpowers Universe is back in action—in spite of his own best intentions!

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER/ANGEL: HELLMOUTH #1

Jordie Bellaire & Jeremy Lambert (W); Eleonora Carlini (A)

(Boom AUG191366 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Buffy Summers, the Slayer, has one job: keep the forces of hell from coming to Earth through the Hellmouth. Here's the bad news: she might have failed. The Mistress Drusilla and her ally, Spike, have found a weapon to open the Hellmouth and unleash unspeakable evil across the town and the world. With time running out, Buffy must team up with a new ally that she doesn't fully trust: the vampire vigilante known as Angel!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Boom! taps into the fertile imagination of *Joss Whedon* for its first-ever Buffyverse crossover series.

CHRONONAUTS FUTURESHOCK #1 (OF 4)

Mark Millar (W); Eric Canete (A)

(Image AUG190038 $3.99)

CHRONONAUTS FUTURESHOCK #2 (OF 4)

Mark Millar (W); Eric Canete (A)

(Image AUG190047 $3.99)

CHRONONAUTS FUTURESHOCK #3 (OF 4)

Mark Millar (W); Eric Canete (A)

(Image AUG190049 $3.99)

CHRONONAUTS FUTURESHOCK #4 (OF 4)

Mark Millar (W); Eric Canete (A)

(Image AUG190051 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Time-travelling physicists Corbin Quinn and Danny Reilly attempt to conquer the future with their new machine. But someone's sabotaging Danny and Corbin's missions... and their investigation will pit them against their old professor and a classmate!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Mark Millar finally finds the time for another Chrononauts adventure—and rather than making you wait, he's going to offer all four issues on the very same day!

CONTAGION #1 (OF 5)

Ed Brisson (W); Roge Antonio (A)

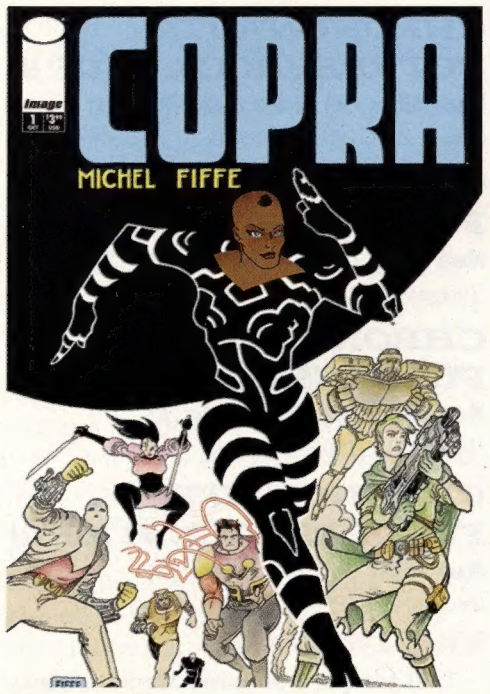
(Marvel AUG191015 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

A seemingly unstoppable force has invaded the Marvel Universe, and it's going to take every hero the streets of New York have to stop it! A strange substance is taking over heroes and citizens alike, draining them of their life force, stealing their knowledge and abilities, and neither science nor magic can stop it! Where did it come from? Can anything destroy it?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

It may sound like Marvel's version of ***DCeased,*** but you can count on star storyteller *Ed Brisson* to deliver far more than a mere imitation!



COPRA #1

Michel Fiffe (W/A)

(Image AUG190053 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

This series picks up where the original saga of this band of mercenary misfits left off, reintroducing the entire cast of his Suicide Squad–esque revenge machine in a brutal standoff against their own leader.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Michel Fiffe relaunches the fan-favorite self-published series under the Image imprint, which is sure to take the book to a much larger audience. And to make it doubly appealing, he's offering 36 pages of story and art for only $3.99!

EXCALIBUR #1 DX

Tini Howard (W); Marcus To (A)

(Marvel AUG190856 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The Otherworld is rocked by war! It is a new era for mutantkind as a new Captain Britain holds the amulet, fighting for the Kingdom of Avalon with her Excalibur at her side: Rogue, Gambit, Rictor, Jubilee... and Apocalypse?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The post–*House of X/Powers of X* mutant relaunch begins here with a new Excalibur that expands the team's lineup to include some high-profile former X-Men and one *major* surprise.

FANTASTIC FOUR: GRAND DESIGN #1 (OF 2)

Tom Scioli (W/A)

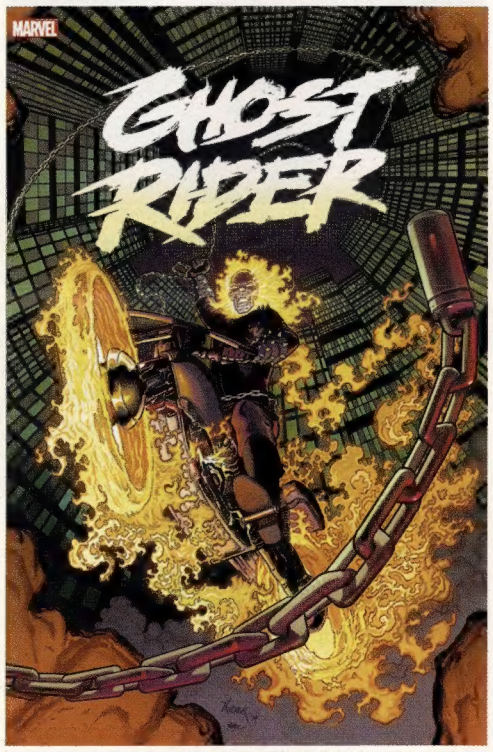
(Marvel AUG190989 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The bestselling ***Grand Design*** franchise continues with Marvel's First Family! Join the Watcher and witness how it all began, complete with appearances by Doctor Doom, Black Panther, Namor, Galactus, The Inhumans, and more.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Kirby fan first class *Tom Scioli* does for the Fantastic Four what *Ed Piskor* did for the ***X-Men*** with this comics retelling of the FF's complex history.



GHOST RIDER #1

Ed Brisson (W); Aaron Kuder (A)

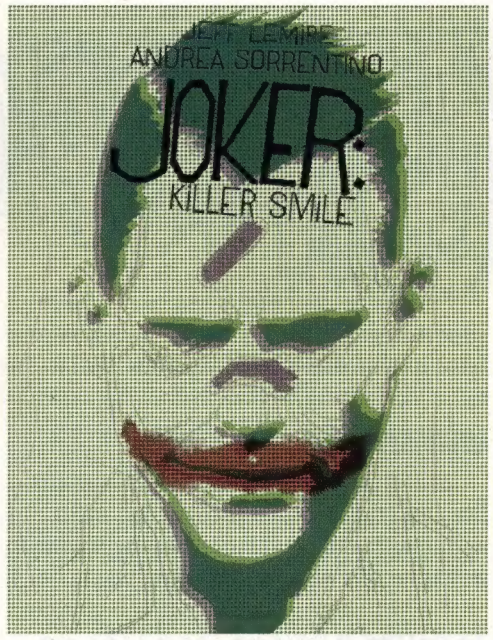
(Marvel AUG190978 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Johnny Blaze isn't just the king of Hell—he's the warden, too. He's the first line of defense between the demonic hordes trying to escape the joint and the lords of other hells making a play for his throne. Meanwhile, Danny Ketch never wanted to be a Ghost Rider. Now that his brother's in charge downstairs, Ketch must take on the duty of Earth's Spirit of Vengeance full time—no matter how much he'd rather be doing anything else...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Ed Brisson & Aaron Kuder take the Ghost Rider canon to the next supernatural level with this horror-hero series. Think ***Supernatural***—if the Winchester Brothers were the demons!



JOKER: KILLER SMILE #1 (OF 3)

Jeff Lemire (W); Andrea Sorrentino (A)

(DC AUG190446 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Everyone knows Joker doesn't have the most promising history with psychotherapists. In fact, no one's even been able to diagnose him. But that doesn't matter to the confident, world-beating Dr Ben Arnell; he's going to be the one to unravel this unknowable mind. There's no way Joker could ever get through the therapeutic walls Ben has built around himself. Right? There's no way Joker's been entering his house at night. Right? Uh oh...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Jeff Lemire & Andrea Sorrentino take readers deep into the Joker's psyche in one of the most horrifying Joker series ever.

JOKER: YEAR OF THE VILLAIN #1

John Carpenter & Anthony Burch (W); Philip Tan (A)

(DC AUG190440 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

What's a Clown Prince of Crime to do when the world has started to accept doing bad as the only way to live? Out-bad everyone else, of course! The Joker is on a mission to get his mojo back and prove to the world that there is no greater villainy than the kind that leaves you laughing.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Horror maestro *John Carpenter* makes his DC comics co-writing debut here—and *that's* why you should care!

MARAUDERS #1 DX

Gerry Duggan (W); Matteo Lolli (A)

(Marvel AUG190863 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Even in this glorious new dawn, Mutantkind faces hardships and oppression from their human counterparts. Led by Captain Kate Pryde and funded by Emma Frost and the Hellfire Trading Company, Marauders Storm, Pyro, Bishop, and Iceman sail the seas of the world to protect those hated and feared!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Gerry Duggan & Matteo Lolli set sail for another corner of the post–***HoX/PoX*** world in this new X-series.

MARVEL ZOMBIES: RESPAWN #1

Phillip Kennedy Johnson (W); Leonard Kirk (A)

(Marvel AUG190965 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

When Galactus's corpse appears at the edge of Earth's solar system, the Avengers, X-Men, and Fantastic Four investigate. Too late, they discover that Galactus' body is now the vessel of an interstellar terror, which begins to transform Earth's Mightiest Heroes into the universe's most terrifying predators! As our heroes try to escape the superpowered, cannibalistic aberrations that were once their friends and family, will any survive? And even if they do, can they hope to protect Earth from the infestation that has already claimed half of the known universe?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

This oneshot reinvents the whole Marvel Zombies concept—and it'll lead into a whole new series launching in the not-too-distant future!

RUBY FALLS #1 (OF 4)

Ann Nocenti (W); Flavia Biondi (A)

(Dark Horse AUG190256 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Ruby Falls is a sleepy town. But sleep brings nightmares, and Lana is about to wake up in the middle of her hometown's biggest secret: the "disappearance" of infamously progressive Betty Gallagher during the mobster-ruled heyday of the old mining town. When details of the cold-case murder start to come out through her grandmother Clara's foggy, dementia-jumbled memories, Lana becomes obsessed with cracking the case, even if it splinters the peaceful town—and endangers everything she loves...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Ann Nocenti, one of comics' most skilled storytellers, expands her focus from superheroes and science fiction to noir suspense with this multigenerational thriller.

SANDMAN UNIVERSE SPECIAL: HELLBLAZER #1

Si Spurrier (W); Marcio Takara (A)

(DC AUG190456 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Long ago, in the crucible of a magical war waged across countless futures, Constantine was murdered by an all-powerful adversary: a twisted version of Timothy Hunter, bloated with evil. But over the past year, strange forces have conspired to restart Tim Hunter's tale, and somehow—amid sorcery, insanity, and secret agendas—this older, wiser, wilier shade of Constantine has been dragged back with it. Unlike young Tim, John remembers every second of a life that went very, very wrong. Now he must ask himself why he, the last person in the world to deserve a second chance, has been given one...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

This oneshot establishes a new (and much more Sandman Universe–focused) status quo for John Constantine—and it leads into *Hellblazer #1* beginning in November.

SHOPLIFTERS WILL BE LIQUIDATED #1

Patrick Kindlon (W); Stefano Simeone (A)

(AfterShock AUG191499 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The largest retailer in the world requires the best-trained loss prevention staff, and Security Officer Nussbaum defends the company interests *at any cost*—and he takes that quite literally. Life, human rights, rational thought are all secondary concerns. But his world is upended when he finds a society living under the retail outlet—a culture that challenges his notions about consumerism and sense of self. Is he ready for the message?

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Patrick Kindlon & Stefano Simeone have a little fun with our consumerist society with this sardonic, satirical series.

SPIDER-VERSE #1

Jed Mackay (W); Juan Frigeri (A)

(Marvel AUG190958 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Miles Morales finds himself at the center of a multiversal adventure that will feature a who's who of creators and characters as the series spins forward!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Not only is ***Spider-Verse*** back, but it's going to be chock-full of new additions to the Spider-mythos (and yes, that means *lots* of first appearances!).

SUPERMAN SMASHES THE KLAN #1 (OF 3)

Gene Luen Yang (W/A)

(DC AUG190459 $7.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

It's 1946, and the Lee family has moved from Metropolis's Chinatown to the center of the bustling city. As the Lees try to adjust to their new lives, an evil is stirring in Metropolis: the Ku Klux Klan. First, the Lee family awakens one night to find a burning cross on their lawn; then their son Tommy is kidnapped by the KKK. Superman comes to the rescue—but this Superman is still so new to his powers that he hasn't even worked out how to fly yet!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Gene Luen Yang writes and draws this original series inspired by the 1940s Superman radio serial "Clan of the Fiery Cross," adding modern cultural insights to the tale of heroism versus hatred.

TALES FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE: BATMAN KNIGHTFALL #1

Scott Snyder & Kyle Higgins (W); Javi Fernandez (A)

(DC AUG190461 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Thirty years after Bruce Wayne was broken and failed to take back the mantle of the Bat, Jean-Paul Valley (now known as Saint Batman) has turned Gotham into the city of his dreams. In his new order, killing has become commonplace and criminals live in

constant fear, all in the name of justice. But just when all seems lost, a new hope for Gotham City rises: the son of Bane!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

The Dark Multiverse is the source of this twisted take on the classic ***Knightfall*** saga.

TALES FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE: DEATH OF SUPERMAN #1

Jeff Loveness (W); Brad Walker & Andrew Hennessy (A)

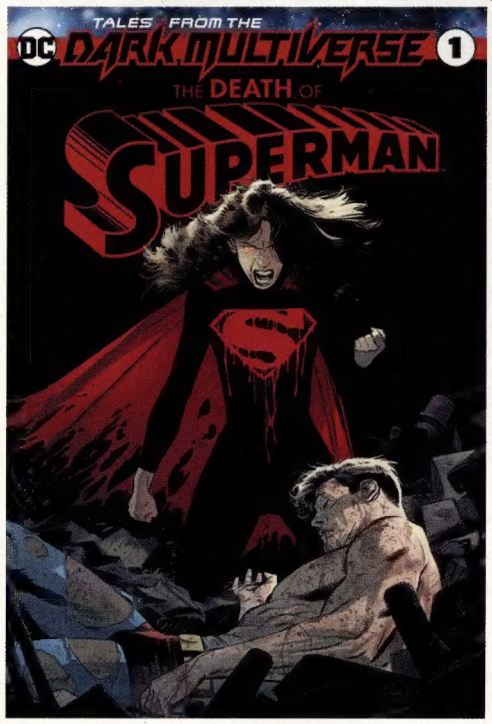
(DC AUG190462 $5.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In a broken world much like our own, Lois Lane, twisted by rage and grief at the death of Superman, becomes the Eradicator and takes revenge on those who let Superman die and on the corrupt world he could never defeat. Now, with the power of a god, she's going to end the battle by any means necessary...

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Lois Lane takes a page from the Punisher's guidebook in this dark new take on the classic *Death of Superman.*



THANOS: INFINITY ENDING OGN HC

Jim Starlin (W); Alan Davis (A)

(Marvel JUN191038 $24.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

In the far future, Thanos has become the most powerful being in reality. But it's not enough to rule in his own time. The truly Mad Titan intends to command all of time and space—including his own past self! Now Thanos' brother Eros, his old ally Adam Warlock, and the teleporting troll named Pip must find a way to free Thanos' consciousness from his own future.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Jim Starlin & Alan Davis bring their compelling Thanos saga to a close in this original graphic novel that may well be Starlin's final word on the Mad Titan!

VENGEANCE OF VAMPIRELLA #1

Tom Sniegoski (W); Michael Sta Maria (A)

(Dynamite AUG191177 $3.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

Vampirella is Dead!? Long Live Vampirella! Humanity holds on, but barely, the playthings and slaves of a multitude of supernatural monstrosities that have made the Earth their own. Mistress Nyx continues to rule the planet, her Chaos Lords reigning over the various regions of the world with no one to challenge her. Then, a small but determined rebellion find what could be their savior... or seal their doom!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Tom Sniegoski revisits the horrifying Vampirella continuity he created in the original ***Vengeance of Vampirella*** series 25 years ago. This is the darkest, most horrifying Vampirella you've ever seen—and once you try it, you won't be able to look away!

X-MEN #1 DX

Jonathan Hickman (W); Leinil Francis Yu (A)

(Marvel AUG190845 $4.99)

WHAT'S THE SCOOP?

The X-Men find themselves in a whole new world of possibility... and things have never been better for Cyclops and his hand-picked squad of mutant powerhouses!

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Jonathan Hickman, the man responsible for ***House of X*** and ***Powers of X,*** continues to make mutant magic in the pages of the new ***X-Men*** ongoing series.

FYI: : Must-Have Additions to Your Reference Library

ALTER EGO #161

(TwoMorrows JUL192270 $9.95)

Roy Thomas presents a full-issue tribute to *Stan (The Man) Lee* and his contributions to comics! And of course, no one knows much more about Stan than *Roy Thomas*, who draws from his more than 50-year relationship with Stan—and he even shares 21st-century e-mails from Stan (with his permission, of course)! After last issue's must-read *Steve Ditko* coverage, ***Alter Ego*** is *the* go-to magazine for Marvel fans!

DC COMICS YEAR-BY-YEAR VISUAL CHRONICLE NEW SLIPCASE EDITION

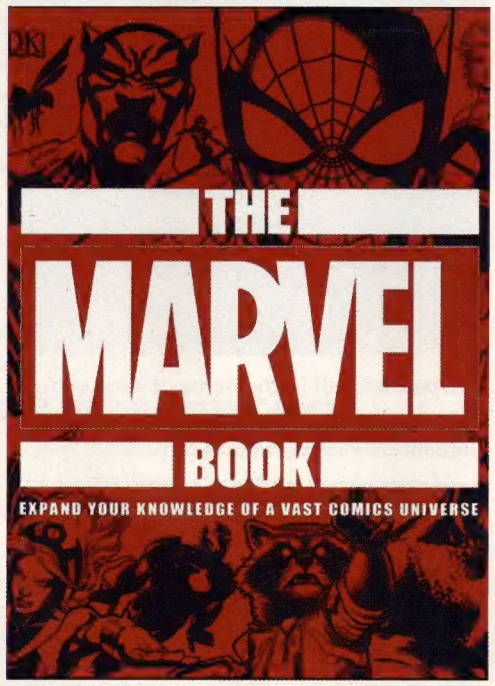
(DK JUL191837 $50.00)

In 1938, Superman led the charge. The world's first superhero was soon followed by his Justice League teammates Batman, Wonder Woman, the Flash, Aquaman, Shazam!, and Green Lantern. You can trace these characters' evolution and learn about the company and creators who made them the enduring pop culture icons they are today, in this, the most comprehensive, chronological history of DC Comics ever published.

HOW TO PAINT CHARACTERS MARVEL STUDIOS WAY HC

(Marvel OCT181008 $50.00)

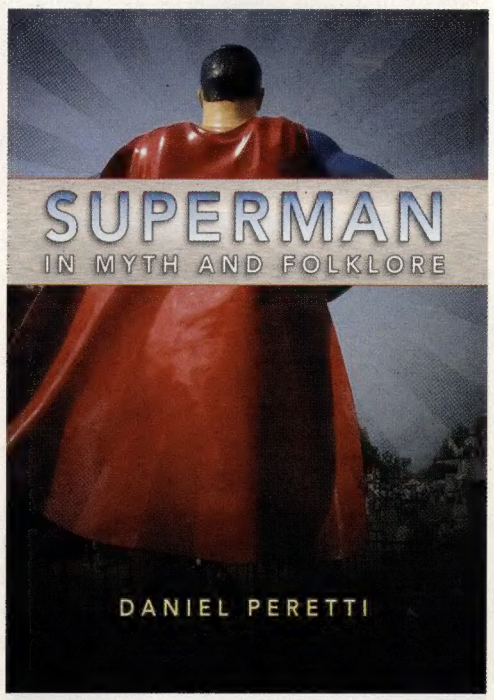
Learn tips and tricks from *Ryan Meinerding, Andy Park,* and the other artists behind Marvel Studios' Visual Development department, who share their methods for creating iconic designs for all your favorite characters, from Captain America to Black Panther and more.



THE MARVEL BOOK: EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE HC

(DK JUL191838 $25.00)

From iconic superheroes such as the Avengers, Spider-Man, and the Black Panther, to amazing technology like Iron Man's armors and SHIELD's Helicarriers, to the cosmic escapades of the Guardians of the Galaxy, to unforgettable villains such as Thanos and Loki, this book explores the key concepts, characters, and events that have defined and shaped Marvel Comics over the past 80 years.



SUPERMAN IN MYTH AND FOLKLORE SC

(University Press of Mississippi AUG192297 $30.00)

Superman may have begun in comic books, but people have so embraced the character that he has now become part of folklore. This transition from popular to folk culture signals the importance of Superman to fans and to a larger American populace. Superman's story has become a myth dramatizing identity, morality, and politics. *Daniel Peretti* explores Superman's evolution into a model for behavior, a means for expression and performance of individual identity, and the focal point for disparate members of fan communities.

Collected Cool: October's Best Reprint Editions

DAREDEVIL BY FRANK MILLER BOX HC SET SLIPCASE

(MARVEL COMICS APR190944 $250.00)

Frank Miller's complete saga of Matt Murdock and his first love, the lethal assassin Elektra Natchios, is presented in a massive box set collecting ***Spectacular Spider-Man #s 27 & 28; Daredevil #s 158–161, 163–191, 219, & 226–233; Elektra Lives Again; Daredevil—Love and War;*** and more.

FRANK THORNE'S RIBIT HC GN

(Hermes AUG192000 $34.99)

Ribit, the warrior woman created by magic, fights the final battle to save her world from the forces of chaos and darkness in this collection of a series that has been out of print for 30 years. This volume adds an interview with *Frank Thorne*, original art, and documentary materials.

ABSOLUTE SWAMP THING BY ALAN MOORE VOL 1 HC

(DC MAR190601 $99.99)

The groundbreaking ***Swamp Thing*** saga by *Alan Moore, Stephen R. Bissette, & John Totleben* gets the upscale, oversized ***Absolute*** treatment in this slipcased volume collecting ***Swamp Thing #s 20–34 & Annual #2,*** complete with new coloring.

ADVENTURES OF TINTIN: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION SET

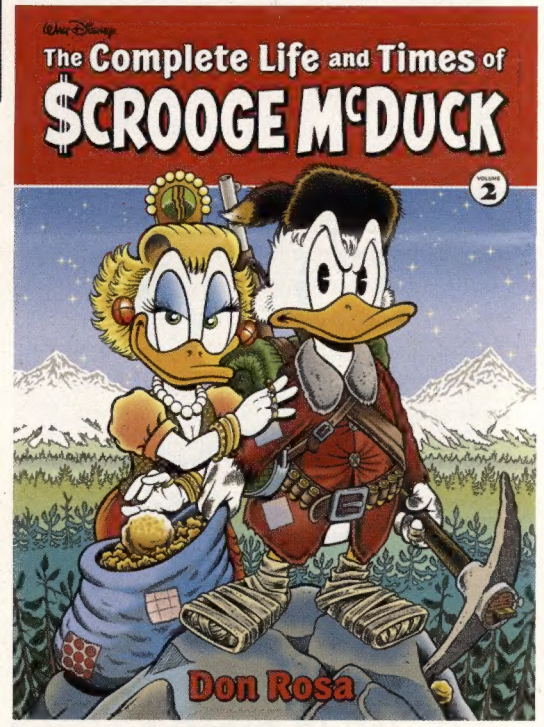
(Little Brown AUG192074 $200.00)

All 23 ***Tintin*** adventures by *Herge* are collected together in one comprehensive set.

BATMAN BY SNYDER & CAPULLO OMNIBUS HC VOL 1

(DC COMICS APR190526 $125.00)

The first 33 issues of the New 52 ***Batman*** by *Scott Snyder, Greg Capullo,* and others are collected in a single massive volume.



COMPLETE LIFE & TIMES OF SCROOGE MCDUCK HC VOL 2 ROSA

(Fantagraphics AUG191946 $29.99)

Don Rosa's fan-favorite Scrooge McDuck's life story is presented as it's never been told before—in chronological order—with "in-between" untold tales. This volume includes a rollicking Yukon adventure involving Glittering Goldie that might just break your heart!

CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS COMPANION DELUXE HC VOL 3

(DC JUL190636 $75.00)

Find out how the devastating effects of ***Crisis on Infinite Earths*** reverberated across the DC Universe in these stories from ***Amethyst #13, Blue Devil #s 17–18, Wonder Woman #s 327–329, Swamp Thing #46, Legion of Super-Heroes #s 16 & 18, Superman #s 413–415, DC Comics Presents #s 87–88 & 94–95,***

Justice League of America Annual #3, and ***Omega Men #s 31 & 33,*** along with new essays by ***Crisis*** associate editor *Robert Greenberger.*

DOOMSDAY CLOCK PART 1 HC

(DC JUL190638 $24.99)

The first six issues of *Geoff Johns & Gary Frank's* landmark history-rewriting DC Universe–Watchmen crossover tale is collected in hardcover, just in time for you to get up to speed before ***Doomsday Clock #12*** ships in early December!

IMMORTAL HULK VOLUME 1 HC

(MARVEL COMICS APR190949 $34.99)

The first 10 issues of *Al Ewing & Joe Bennett's* best-selling reinvention of the Hulk as one of comics' most intense horror series are collected in hardcover, along with the ***Avengers*** issue that introduced the Immortal Hulk.

JACK KIRBY'S DINGBAT LOVE TP

(TwoMorrows JUN191992 $39.95)

This special publication by TwoMorrows, produced in cooperation with DC, includes two unused ***Dingbats of Danger Street*** tales inked by *Mike Royer & D. Bruce Berry*; ***True Life Divorce*** (the abandoned newsstand magazine that was too hot for its time), reproduced from Jack's pencil art, with new inks by *Mike Royer* on one of the tales; and ***Soul Love,*** the unseen '70s romance book inked by *Vince Colletta & Tony DeZuniga,* along with background material, concept art, and more.

JIM LEE XXL HC

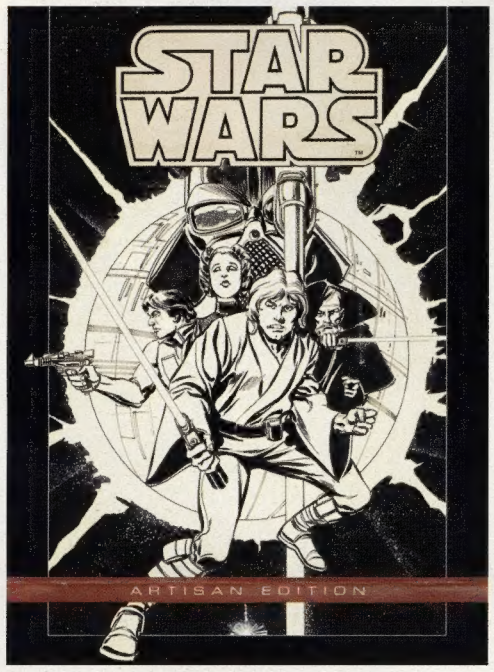
(MARVEL COMICS APR190951 $50.00)

Some of superstar artist *Jim Lee's* most beloved Marvel work (including ***Uncanny X-Men #s 256–258, 268–269, & 274–277*** and ***X-Men #s 1–3)*** is collected in this monster-size volume.

NAOMI SEASON ONE HC

(DC JUL190653 $19.99)

The breakout comics superstar who's been crossing paths with Superman lately got her start in this hit series by *Brian Bendis, David Walker, & Jamal Campbell*—and now you can get all six issues in one volume.



STAR WARS ARTISAN EDITION TP

(IDW AUG190837 $49.99)

It's like an ***Artist's Edition*** of ***Star Wars*** work by *Howard Chaykin, Walter Simonson, & Michael Golden,* only not as large—but every piece is still reproduced from the original art, offering readers a rare glimpse of what original art looks like—complete with blue pencil notations, corrections, white-out... all the little nuances that make a page of original comic art unique.

SUPERMAN: THE SILVER AGE SUNDAYS HC VOL 2—1963 TO 1966

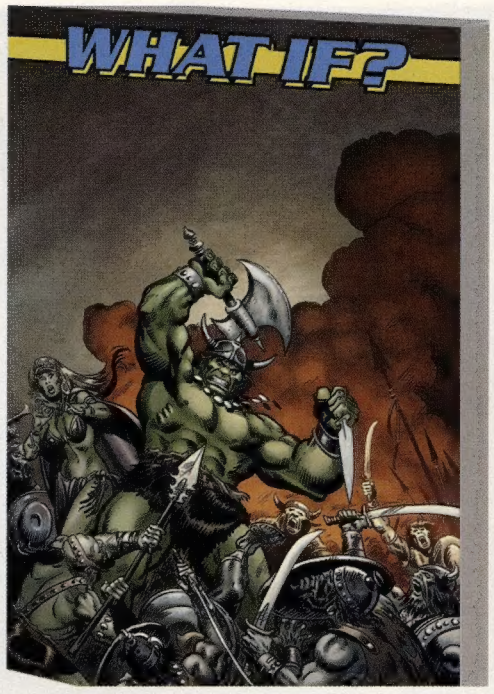
(IDW MAY190653 $49.99)

Classic *Jerry Siegel–Wayne Boring* strips from 1/27/63 to 5/1/1966 are collected in this, the final volume in the series.

TIMELY'S GREATEST HC: GOLDEN AGE SIMON & KIRBY OMNIBUS

(Marvel MAY190947 $150.00)

Joe Simon & Jack Kirby's historic work for the Golden Age Marvel is collected in this massive omnibus that includes material from ***Daring Mystery Comics #s 1–3 & 6–8, Red Raven Comics #1, Marvel Mystery Comics #s 12–25, Human Torch Comics #2, Captain America Comics #s 1–10, All-Winners Comics (1941) #s 1–2, USA Comics #s 1–3, Young Allies Comics #1,*** and ***Mystic Comics (1941) #7.***



WHAT IF? CLASSIC COMPLETE COLLECTION TP VOL 2

(Marvel AUG191167 $39.99)

What if Conan the Barbarian walked the Earth today?! What if Sgt Fury and his Howling Commandos fought WWII in space? What if the radioactive spider bit Aunt May?! The answers are here, along with many other fascinating tales, in this collection of ***What If? #s 13–15 & 17–23*** (alas, ***#16,*** with its tale focusing on Fu Manchu, is tied up in licensing limbo).

Hot Commodities: October's Best Merchandising & Collectibles

DC GALLERY HARLEY QUINN REBIRTH PVC FIGURE

(Diamond Select JUN192385 $49.99)

Joseph Michael Linsner takes on legendary trickster Harley Quinn with this 9" PVC diorama featuring Harley in her new costume, wielding a revolver in one hand and a come-hither gaze in her eye.

DC PRIME BATMAN ACTION FIGURE

(DC Collectibles MAR190627 $125.00)

This 9" highly poseable collectible comes with multiple pairs of hands and accessories, so fans can create their own ultimate renditions of their favorite characters. To help bring these figures to life, the team at DC Collectibles brought on concept designer *Riccardo Federici,* as well as sculptor and figure designer *Wonil Song,* to breathe life into these extraordinary action figures. With over 23 different points of articulation, multiple pairs of hands, a wired fabric cape and three unique heads, this figure offers thousands of unique Dark Knight moments just waiting to be created.

MARVEL COMICS GHOST RIDER 1/6 SCALE BUST

(Diamond Select JUN192394 $99.99)

Measuring approximately 8" tall, this 1/6-scale resin bust of the Spirit of Vengeance features detailed design and sculpting by *Gentle Giant Studios.*

MARVEL GALLERY '90s SPIDER-MAN PVC FIGURE

(Diamond Select JUN192391 $49.99)

The spaghetti webs make a comeback in this new PVC diorama inspired by classic Spider-Man artwork of the early '90s.

MARVEL PREMIERE CARNAGE STATUE

(Diamond Select JUN192392 $199.99)

This resin statue of Carnage shows the psychotic, symbiotic Spider-foe atop a New York City rooftop, one hand shaped into an axe, his symbiotic tendrils waving in the breeze.

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